IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: STEFAN SOMMER et al.

Application No. 10/594,858

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For: A BIPOLAR PLATE AND ITS USE, AS WELL AS A METHOD FOR ITS

MANUFACTURE AND AN ELECTROCHEMICAL SYSTEM CONTAINING THE BIPOLAR PLATE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

This paper is in response to the election requirement dated January 22, 2010,

having a response due date of February 22, 2010.

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